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SUBJECT: ESSO PULL-OUT FROM CAMBODIA

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SUBSEQUENT TO AID/W'S CONTACT WITH GEORGE CASE, DEPUTY ASST. SECY. STEARNS MET WITH RICHARD BARHAM, STANDARD OF NEW JERSEY, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ESSO WOULD DELAY DEPARTURE FROM CAMBODIA. STEARNS EMPHASIZED THAT GKR WAS GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT PERIOD AND ESSO PULLOUT MIGHT BE INTERPRETED BY CAMBODIANS AS FURTHER INDICATION OF GKR'S ISOLATION. BARHAM CONFIRMED THAT EXXON WAS NOT LOSING MONEY IN CAMBODIA, HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY FIRM OFFERS FROM TELA KHMER, AND HAD NOT ESTABLISHED DATE FOR TERMINATION FOR CAMBODIAN OPERATION. HE, THEREFORE, THOUGHT DEFERRMENT FOR SIX MONTHS OR SO WAS EMINENTLY POSSIBLE AND SAID HE WOULD REPORT OUR ATTITUDE TO HOUSTON HEADQUARTERS WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT PLANS FOR SALE OF ESSO CAMBODIA BE PUT ON BACK BURNER. KISSINGER

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